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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1653

SERIAL NO: 09/731,830

: EXAMINER: KAM

FILED: DECEMBER 8, 2000 :

FOR: METHOD OF SUPPRESSING IMMUNE RESPONSES BY REDUCING
INTRACELLULAR CONTENT OF GLUTATHIONE IN MACROPHAGES AND
MONOCYTES

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 11, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-3, 11, and 20-29.

Please add the following claims.

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--30. A method of inducing a Th2 response in a subject, comprising reducing the content of reductive glutathione in macrophages in the subject, thereby (a) increasing the capability of the macrophages to produce IL-6 and (b) decreasing the capability of the macrophages to produce IL-12 and NO.